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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Patent and Trademark Office action mailed September 22, 2004. A request for a ONE MONTH extension of time is submitted herewith, whereby the time for response expires on November 22, 2004.

Group VI, Claim 25, drawn to a diagnostic PCR kit for HBV rtN236T is elected for examination, without traverse. Claims 1-24 are canceled in this response.

In view of the requirement for restriction/election, and under the protection of 35 U.S.C. §121, please cancel Claims 1-24 without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue the canceled subject matter in divisional/continuation applications.